



**Steven K. Young, Director**

### **Caretaker Found Guilty of Sexual Abuse**

DES MOINES, IOWA (January 30, 2006) – Franklyn LaRoy Daugard, 44, of Adair was recently found guilty in Guthrie County District Court of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree and Wanton Neglect of a Resident of a Health Care Facility. Fifth Judicial District Court Judge William H. Joy returned a verdict finding Daugard guilty as charged in a trial that began January 18<sup>th</sup>. Daugard is being held without bond in the Guthrie County Jail pending his sentencing, which is scheduled for March 20.

Daugard had been a long-time employee of the Adair Community Health Center, where he worked as a nurse aid. Judge Joy’s verdict found Daugard to have sexually abused and neglected a resident while working as a caretaker at the facility.

The Guthrie County Sheriff’s Office and the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) conducted an investigation of an incident, reported by the facility on September 27, 2005. Prosecution was handled by the Iowa Attorney General’s Office.

In addition to the criminal charges filed against Daugard as a result of the investigation, the facility was cited by DIA’s Health Facilities Division for failing to ensure that a resident received adequate supervision to ensure against harm and failure to ensure residents were free from abuse. The violations resulted in the issuance of a Class I Violation and the imposition of an \$8,000 fine. The state fine, however, has been held in suspension due to the imposition of a federal fine of \$8,000 as the result of the immediate jeopardy situation. The facility has yet to appeal the federal sanctions.

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